

Wenger on Giroud and losing as a team

Arsène Wenger says that Arsenal take collective responsibility for their defeat against Monaco.

The Gunners have a mountain to climb in the Champions League after a 3-1 defeat in the first leg of their last-16 tie at Emirates Stadium on Wednesday.

Olivier Giroud missed a number of chances on the night but Wenger says the whole team was culpable.

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"Olivier is like everybody else - disappointed," the manager said. "There's nobody to blame individually. Who is a striker who didn't miss a chance?"

"He had his chances and he missed. For us on the night, everything went against us. The fact that we missed some chances was only one of the characteristics of the night.

"Olivier's a strong character. Personally I don't blame him at all. We lost as a team, we fight for each other as a team and he worked hard for the team even on the night. He didn't miss the chances on purpose. He wanted to score the goals but that can happen."

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